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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FARNSWORTH ET AL.

Examiner

John B. Walsh

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-15,17-19 and 25-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-15,17,18 and 28-34 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19 and 25-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 19, 25, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,754,396 to Felcman et al.

Felcman et al. '396 disclose a chassis (30); an access panel (18); a first and second latch member (figure 1; 38); a catch member (interior 36); a first and second operator (figure 1; exterior 36).

As concerns claim 19, a first latch (interior 36); a second latch (interior 36 on other side); a securing member (38) comprising a first surface (top surface of 38), a second surface (underside of 38), a third surface (top surface of opposite side 38) and a fourth surface (underside of opposite side 38).

As concerns claim 25, providing a plurality of catch members (interior 36); providing a plurality of manual operators (exterior 36) securable to the catch members through an opening (figure 1; opening for 36) in the chassis (30); providing a chassis (30) having a first and second openings (figure 1; openings for 36); securing one of the plurality of catch members to one of the plurality of manual operators (figure 1) through a first opening; securing a second of the plurality of catch members to a second one of the plurality of manual operators through a second opening (figure 1).

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As concerns claim 26, disposing a biasing member (column 4, lines 37-43; catch members are inherently biased so as to be releasably engaging with the tab) within each of the catch members.

As concerns claim 27, aligning each of the catch members with a guide rail (38) adapted to extend into each catch member.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17, 18 and 28-34 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed January 5, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

As concerns claim 19, the applicant argues that the surfaces of latches 36 are not in sliding engagement with any surface. Claim 19 recites "a first surface configured for sliding engagement with the first latch." The securing member has been indicated as element 38, wherein the first surface is the top surface of element 38. This element is "configured for sliding engagement" wherein element 38 is a physical element that is positioned such that it may be engaged with through a sliding motion. This motion may come from the first latch, indicated as element 36, wherein when 36 is pivoted downward it may abut the first surface and then the latch will be actuated such that 36 will then slide across the first surface until it is no longer abutting the first surface.

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As concerns claim 25, the examiner has indicated the chassis as element 30 and the access panel as element 18. There are no limitations in the claims that would restrict the examiner from giving the claims their broadest reasonable interpretation and assigning the chassis as element 30 and the access panel as element 18. The applicant has based their argument on assigning the chassis as element 18 and the access panel as element 30, when the claims do not require such a restrictive assignment.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

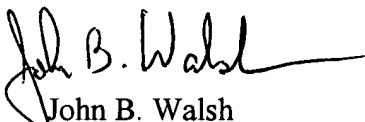
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 703-305-0444. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on 703-308-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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